Petition for Extension of Time and Transmittal Letter

Applicant:

Reichert

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a RCE and response in the above-identified application. The RCE fee is \$395.

Petition is hereby made under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the time for response to the Office Action of September 12, 2005 to and through Monday, February 13, 2006, comprising an extension of the shortened statutory period of two months (\$225)

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

Number of Amended Claims:

32

Highest Number of Claims Previously Paid for:

32

Number of Amended Independent Claims:

5

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5

Claim Fees due for:

Total claims:

0 (\$50.00 each) = \$0

Independent Claims:

0 (\$200.00 each)= \$0

Total Additional Fee Due for this Amendment: \$620 - Credit card authorization enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred H. Zollinger III, Reg. No. 39,438